Automated Commercial Environment—Requirements Recommendation

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Subject Matter:	Manifest Print		

Requirement

Print and download trip and shipment information in the format of a complete manifest.

Print the trip number in bar-code format on the top of this document.

Business Need

A carrier is required to maintain record of documentation / information that has been supplied to Customs and Border Protection (CBP). If a carrier or his authorized agent utilizes the ACE Secure Data Portal to manually key and submit data to CBP then they need the ability to either print or download a record of the manifest as submitted. Without this capability a carrier can not comply with current CBP recordkeeping requirements unless CBP can officially state that the storage of the manifest information in ACE is sufficient.

The trip number in bar-code format should be printed on the first page of the manifest.

Technical Need

A widely used commercial format such as an Adobe Acrobat pdf file should be used.

Standard bar-code technology could be used as in BRASS.

Benefits

This gives the Trade the ability to comply with current CBP's recordkeeping requirements.

The bar code could be read in the case of a malfunctioning transponder read.

Risks

ACE should not be expected to support any physical print problems that the Trade may encounter due to hardware incompatibility.

Security issues may exist with the ability to copy, email or download this file. For example if a carrier were to use a Kiosk terminal how would he maintain his manifest file? Would he have the ability to download to a floppy disk, CD R/W or email the file? Would CBP be expected to support problems related experiences?

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